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FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0550

INFO USDEL RIYADH

C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 1784

E.O.: 11652: N/A

TAGS: USSAEC, EAID, SA

SUBJ: US/SAUDI JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION; VISIT OF DOKE,  
USDA, AND MOSER

REF : STATE 53987

1. WE REGRET THAT TRIP OF MESSRS. DOKE AND MOSER MUST BE POSTPONED. THERE IS AND WILL BE NO AVAILABLE SPACE IN RIYADH. IN ADDITION TO NORMAL IMPOSSIBILITY OF FINDING HOTEL SPACE ON SUCH NOTICE, EMBASSY IS PREPARING FOR A VISIT BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AT APPROXIMATELY THE ETA OF DOKE AND MOSER. AS A RESULT, ALL PRIVATE BEDS WE HAVE ACCESS TO ARE ALREADY FILLED.

2. THE REQUIREMENT FOR A MINIMUM OF TWO WEEKS NOTICE IS NOT A BUREAUCRATIC DEVICE. IT IS A PRACTICAL IMPOSSIBILITY TO COPE WITH THE LARGE NUMBER OF OFFICIAL VISITS AND THE EXTREME DEMAND FOR HOTEL SPACE IN BOTH JIDDA AND RIYADH IN ANY OTHER WAY. THIS IS A FACT OF LIFE WHICH WASHINGTON MUST ACCEPT.

3. WE ARE RELUCTANT TO GET INTO THE PRACTICE OF ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM THE SAUDIS PER PARA 1 OF REFTTEL. PAST PRACTICES HAVE PROVED SATISFACTORY AND SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF TRUST FUND OPERATIONS. WHY IS THE MONEY COMING FROM SAG AGRICULTURE AND NOT JOINT COMMISSION?

ACTION REQUESTED: INFORM MR. DOKE AND MR. MOSER THAT THEY  
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SHOULD PLAN THEIR ETA FOR A DATE AFTER REPEAT AFTER APRIL

1. WE WILL INFORM DEP AG MIN TAHER OBEID OF THE DELAY.  
DOKE AND MOSER SHOULD PLAN TO STOP IN JIDDA EN ROUTE TO  
RIYADH, NOT RPEAT NOT WHEN RETURNING HOME.  
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